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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 26 as follows.

16. (Previously Presented) A method of producing an electronic document, comprising:

providing a first text portion, the first text portion exclusive of script; and

providing a first script portion, the first script portion exclusive of text,

and the first script portion including at least one location dependent parameter identifier and at least one location coordinate;

wherein the first text portion comprises visible characters, the first script portion consists of invisible characters, and the at least one location parameter identifier in combination with the at least one location coordinate, directs the application of at least a subset of the first script portion to that location in the first text portion specified by the at least one location coordinate.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising including the first text portion and the first script portion in a single file.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising communicating the first text portion, and communicating the first script portion, wherein the first text portion and the first script portion are communicated separately.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising rendering the electronic document.

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20. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein rendering comprises displaying the first text portion without regard to the first script portion, and without displaying the first script portion.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 19, wherein rendering comprises formatting the first text portion in accordance with the first script portion, and without displaying the first script portion.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising replacing at least one of the visible characters of the first text portion, with one or more visible characters determined by the first script portion.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the location coordinate comprises a character position number.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the location coordinate comprises a line number and a character position number.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein each of the at least one location dependent parameter identifiers is associated with one of the at least one location coordinates.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein visible characters comprise codes that when processed by a display application result in the

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display of characters; and wherein invisible characters comprise codes that when processed by a the display application do not result in the display of characters.

27. (Withdrawn) A method of encoding an electronic document, comprising:

- a) opening an input document;
- b) parsing a next element of the input document;
- c) determining whether the next element is a script element or a text element;
- d) writing, if the determination of (c) is that the next element is a text element, the text element to an output file;
- e) storing, if the determination of (c) is that the next element is a script element, the script element and a script coordinate;
- f) determining if the end of the input document has been reached; and
- g) writing, if the determination of (f) is that the end of the input document has been reached, a script heading identifier to the output file, and the stored script element and script coordinate to the output file.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 27, further comprising:

repeating (b) through (g), if the determination of (f) is that the end of the input document has not been reached.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 27, further comprising converting the script element to an invisible sequence.

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30. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 29, wherein the invisible sequence comprises one or more invisible characters.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 27, further comprising:

determining, if the determination of (c) is that the next element is a script element, whether the script element was in in-line format; and if this determination is affirmative, writing the script element to the output file.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 27, wherein a first portion of the output file comprises text elements that are visible characters; and a second portion of the output file consists of script elements.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 32, wherein the script elements consist of invisible characters.